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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject:	Eleventh annual report by the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice by Eurostat and the European Statistical System as a whole

1. The European Statistical Governance Board (ESGAB) was established by Decision No 235/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008¹ to provide an independent overview of the European Statistical System as regards the implementation of the European Statistics Code of Practice.
2. As one of its key tasks, the ESGAB prepares an annual report for the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the abovementioned Code of Practice insofar as it relates to the Commission (Eurostat), including an assessment of the implementation of the Code of Practice in the European Statistical System as a whole.
3. The ESGAB submitted its 11th annual report (covering the year 2019) to the Council on 7 February 2020 (set out in ST 5207/20 ECOFIN 14 UEM 8 STATIS 3).
4. In line with the Presidency's suggestion, all delegations deem it to be appropriate that the Committee of Permanent Representatives and the Council be invited to take note of the 11th ESGAB report, as a 'I/A' item on their agendas.

¹ OJ L 73, 15.3.2008, p. 17.

5. The Chair of the ESGAB, in the cover letter accompanying the report, asked for ‘assistance in ensuring political support where needed for the implementation of the Board’s recommendations’.

 5. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee and the Council are invited to take note of the information contained in the ESGAB annual report, set out in ST 5207/20 ECOFIN 14 UEM 8 STATIS 3, as a ‘I/A’ item on their agendas.
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